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WHO: Concerned Citizens of Montauk
 WHAT: Water Quality Testing Program Results for Week of July 6, 2015
 WHEN: Ongoing – Weekly Summer Testing
 WHERE: Montauk, East Hampton, Amagansett, Sagaponack & Southampton
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Entering into its third year, the Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) in partnership with the Surfrider Foundation’s nationwide Blue Water Task Force water quality testing program, has been sampling Montauk and Amagansett water bodies for the bacteria enterococcus. Weekly, highly trained volunteers collect and test water samples from Ditch Plains, Lake Montauk and Fort Pond in Montauk and Fresh Pond in Amagansett then post the test results online on Surfrider’s Blue Water Task Force portal.

During 2014, volunteers from 30 Blue Water Task Force labs processed more than 4,000 marine and fresh water samples collected from nearly 300 distinct sampling sites located across the country. **The CCOM / Eastern Long Island Chapter joint Blue Water Task Force program processed 329 water tests in 2014 placing in the top three most prolific BWTF labs in 2014 - impressive results considering 2014 was only CCOM’s second year in the program. The Montauk-based lab also placed in the top 5 for recording a high bacteria rate of 22%, in other words 22% of all the samples collected failed to meet the health standard of <104 enterococci bacteria per 100 milliliters for a single sample.**

To review the complete 2014 report for all participating BWTF labs, please visit:
<http://www.surfrider.org/coastal-blog/entry/2014-bwtf-annual-report>

Please see below for water quality testing results for week of July 6, 2015:

LOCATION	ENTERO LEVEL	INDICATION OF
MONTAUK		
Fort Pond: Industrial	20	Low Bacteria
Fort Pond: Ramp	0	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Block Island Sound @ Soundview Dr.	0	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay @ Navy Rd.	121	High Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay @ Tuthill Rd.	0	Low Bacteria
AMAGASETT		
Fresh Pond: Beach	0	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Creek	52	Medium Bacteria
EAST HAMPTON		
Pussy’s Pond	651	High Bacteria
Georgica Beach: Third Jetty	10	Low Bacteria
Georgica Pond: Beach Side	0	Low Bacteria
Georgica Pond: Rt 27 Kayak Launch	0	Low Bacteria
SOUTHAMPTON		
Flying Point: Mecox Bay	0	Low Bacteria
Flying Point: Scott Cameron Beach	0	Low Bacteria
SAGAPONACK		
Sagg Main Beach	0	Low Bacteria
Sagg Pond	41	Medium Bacteria

To learn more about these test results, please visit CCOM’s website and click on “Water Testing Results” in the *News & Noteworthy* column: <http://www.preservemontauk.org/>